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HEALTHY & HAPPY.

CONDITIONS ON THE PRATAS SHOAL.

OFFICIAL'S STATEMENT.

MACHINERY LANDED WITH DIFFICULTY.

Anticipations that the organ-
ization for complete meteor-
ological information from Pratras
would be complete before the end
of the year will not be realized,
although it should not be more
than a month or so before the
station is complete. In the
meantime the abbreviated in-
formation which has been regu-
larly despatched to the Hongkong
Observatory by means of a field
set, will continue.

In conversation with a "China
Mail" representative, the official
representative of the Central
Government of Peking who had
just returned from a visit to
Pratras, stated yesterday that the
station would be functioning
fully by the end of January. On
the occasion of his visit a con-
tinuous wave tube set (made by
the Telefunken Co., Germany),
had been landed after consid-
erable difficulty and all that was
wanted now were a few parts for
transmissions, batteries, etc. The
main circuit transmitter, he
understood, was wet and would
not function and this would lead
to some delay as it would have
to be replaced.

It had been a difficult task to
land the machinery as the boat
by which they had gone (the
"Akuta Maru") could not enter
the lagoon. Boats drawing more
than ten feet of water could not
enter. The machinery had been
landed by motor boat and sam-
pan.

Growing Vegetables.

The coolies who had been en-
gaged to replace those who had
died through beri-beri were all
healthy and contented, stated our
informant. The scheme for grow-
ing vegetables had proved a suc-
cess and more seeds were being
provided. A snapshot of the
main water distilling plant (cap-
able of distilling 100 lbs. of water
per hour) was shown our repre-
sentative, also a bird's eye view
of the complete station, built of
concrete blocks, in the construction
of which some 900 tons of
materials have been used. The
station nestles in a hollow and
on either side tower the wireless
masts and lighthouse. A partially
completed edifice rising from the
main building is known tech-
nically as the anemometer station.

Asked if the Central Govern-
ment of Peking considered it
necessary to hold an enquiry into
the circumstances attending the
death of the coolies among whom
occurred the outbreak of beri-
beri, the "China Mail" informant
stated that the question of food
for the coolies was undoubtedly
one for which the contractors
were entirely responsible. The
contract definitely stated this.
The Central Government had,
since the outbreak, provided cer-
tain supplies for the coolies in
addition to the Admiralty wire-
less officers, among whom there
had been no cases of beri-beri.
Other than that he declined to
make a further statement.

The official in question will be
proceeding to the Paracels to
carry out a preliminary investiga-
tion for the erection of a wireless
station there as soon as the or-
ganisation is complete for the
functioning of the station at
Pratras.

RUBBER.

SUCCESSFUL SHARE TRANSACTION.

AN AMERICAN WEDGE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Dec. 16.

The initial issue of 5,000 shares
of a hundred guilders each to the
Dutch-American Rubber Planta-
tion Company has been fully sub-
scribed at the price of \$40 a
share.
Bankers concerned with the
issue have a wedge of American
participation in rubber produc-
tion in the Dutch East Indies.
An American bank, it is said,
is being asked to finance the
issue.

LOCAL DISTRAINTS.

WHEN THEY ARE NOT LEGAL.

A BAILIFF'S DUTY.

Having fallen into arrears with
rent payments, a distress war-
rant was issued against a Chinese
master of a river steamer and the
bailiff visited the address, 107,
Wing Lok Street, which was
given as that of the man who
owed the money. Here he seized
furniture and trade goods which
it subsequently transpired were
the property of firms to whom
the man in question had sub-let.
An application was therefore
made for wrongful distress and
Mr. Justice Wood gave his ver-
dict to-day.

He pointed out that according
to the law at home, it was legal
to seize all chattels which were
on the tenant's premises without
reference to ownership but
quoted the local Ordinance under
which property can only be seized
which is found in the house and
in the "apparent" possession of
the person from whom the rent
is claimed.

As the tenant in question in
this case was a seafaring man
and the goods in question were
not those which one would expect
to find in the possession of a man
of that type, also, taking into con-
sideration that the goods were
stated at the time to the bailiff to
be other than those of the tenant
owing money, his Honour found
that distress had been wrongfully
levied. The property seized was
ordered to be released. Each
party was to pay costs of action.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented
the successful claimant and Mr.
R. A. Wadsworth the owner of the
property.

JAPAN'S WARNING.

NOTICE TO CHINESE GENERALS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, Dec. 16.

A Government spokesman has
stated that Chang Tso-lin and
Kuo Song-ling will be notified by
the Japanese that no fighting will
be permitted within six miles of
the capital.

The spokesman stated that all
Consuls have requested Japan to
take all steps to protect foreign-
ers in the capital.

Japanese troops have been in-
structed to maintain absolute
neutrality.
No more troops are to be sent
except the aforementioned, un-
less the situation demands it.

It is explained that the Ports-
mouth treaty, allowed Japan
approximately 15,000 railway
guards in Manchuria, but even
with reinforcements the total is
only 8,000.

The Japanese do not expect
that Chang Tso-lin will attempt
refuge in Mukden, even as a
private citizen, as his life is en-
dangered by the Chinese, but will
probably flee to Dairen or some
other Japanese territory, if de-
fected.

Official advices indicate that
Chang's mercenary troops are
near revolt. Numerous footings
are reported.

The most strict measures are
deemed necessary to prevent the
loss of lives, and the property of
nationals and foreigners.

It is stated that Chang pre-
viously removed most of his arms
and munitions from the arsenal.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. C. Burnett
returned from home yesterday
after a six months' holiday in
England.

MOSUL QUESTION.

LEAGUE'S MOMENTOUS DECISION.

WILL TURKEY FIGHT?

STRONG PARISIAN COMMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, Dec. 16.

Unofficial news is that under
the League's self-imposed arbi-
trary award, Iraq retains Mosul
under certain conditions, the chief
of which is the evacuation of the
mandate, while the British
sells "line" is maintained.
There is to be provision for
free economic intercourse be-
tween Mosul and Turkey. Rus-
sians also a guarantee for the
use of the Kurdish language and
the ratification of the 25 years
Anglo-Turkish treaty.

NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

Paris, Dec. 16.

Commenting on the Mosul dis-
cussions, "Le Ouvre" says the
decision of the League will be



Mustapha Kemal.

a rude shock to Mustafa Kemal,
and hopes the latter will reflect
carefully on the consequences on
an eventual attack on the forces
at Iraq of Great Britain.

"Le Gaulois" says the whole
danger of the situation lies in
the possibility of Turkey being
supported by Soviet Russia,
making a desperate gesture.
"Le Gaulois" opines that the
League Council's verdict is
prompted by the hope that the
dispute will be subject to direct
Anglo-Turkish negotiations.

"Le Petit Parisien" foresees a
vigorous Turkish opposition to
the decision, and adds that if the
Turks indulge in a war-like
adventure, Great Britain could
invoke the covenant of the
League to claim sanctions.

"Le Echo de Paris" says the
Turks will only bow to strength
and the only way for the British
Empire to safeguard the peace is
to exercise its strength resolutely.

DECISION REACHED.

Geneva, Dec. 16.

The League Council, in public
session, has announced the un-
animous decision to award Mosul
to Iraq, making the so-called
provisional British Government
provisional British Government
submit a new Anglo-Iraq treaty
ensuring the continuation of the
mandate of 25 years.

The latter is to be subject to
the reservation that Iraq may be
admitted to membership of the
League before the expiration
thereof or as soon as possible
within three years hence, and the
execution of the stipulation with
regard to the mandate is to be
brought to the Council's know-
ledge. The present decision is
announced definitive, and the
Council will indicate measures
required to ensure the delimita-
tion of the frontier line.

The Turkish Delegates did not
accept the President of the
Council's invitation to attend but
a letter from Tewfik Kibaki Bey,
the chief Turkish Delegate, was
received reiterating the Turkish
view point and declaring that
Turkey maintained no reservation
rights over Mosul.

THREE THINGS.

An earlier message from
Mosul, stated that the British
consul, Mr. J. A. G. Bennett, had
been ordered to leave Mosul
and to return to Baghdad. The
message also stated that the
British consul, Mr. J. A. G. Ben-
nett, had been ordered to leave
Mosul and to return to Bagdad.

HIS WIFE'S MONEY.

LIVERPOOL WOMAN AND LOCAL LOAN.

ADVANCED TO 'EMPRESS' BOYS.

The European wife of a Chinese
named Chai Yue-kai figured as the
principal witness in a case in
which the return of \$800 money
lent was claimed.

The woman in question (who
has a boarding house in Water-
loo Road, Yaumatei) said that
she advanced the money to her
husband for his cousin whom she
had known in Liverpool prior to
her coming to Hongkong with her
husband. She was reluctant to
do so as it constituted her passage
money back to England but the
cousin told her that he would lose
his job if he did not get the
money.

The defendant had been the
No. 1 saloon boy on the "Empress
of Canada" and had told her that
he had to pay the boys for what
they required to take with them
on board the ship, this being ad-
vanced on their future earnings.
As he had no money at the time he
was afraid of losing his job.

The case for the defence was
that only \$100 had been lent to
the defendant and the rest of the
money claimed for had been lent
direct to the "boys" of the "Em-
press of Canada." Defendant
denied liability for their debts.

Plaintiff, in evidence, said that
he had been engaged by the Gov-
ernment during the strike to get
coolies for ships. He said, did
work of this sort for the C.P.R.
and engaged and put on board the
their "boys." He denied that the
money had been lent to them
direct and said that his cousin was
responsible.

A book, was produced by Mr.
M. W. Lo (for the defendant) in
support of the claim that the
plaintiff went on board the "Em-
press of Canada" collecting the
individual debts from the boys and
jotting down their names and the
amounts.

In view of this Mr. Justice Wood
said that he did not think it much
good proceeding with the case.

Mr. L. D. Turner (for the
plaintiff) concurred. He had
evidently been misinformed by
his client and had no option but
to drop the case.

Judgment was entered for the
defendant with costs.

HARBOUR COLLISION.

FISHING JUNK DAMAGED.

MINOR MOTOR MISHAPS.

Three small motor accidents
and a harbour collision were re-
ported to have occurred yester-
day.

A public ricksha was smashed
when a motor lorry ran into it at
the junction of Wing Lok Street
and Des Voeux Road. Near the
Western Market and at Morrison
Gap Road, a Chinese woman and
an Indian received slight bruises
when they were struck down by
motor cars.

Damaged estimated at \$1,000
was done to a fishing junk anchor-
ed near the Hung Hom ferry pier
when the steam launch "Tu
Cheong" getting under way from
the pier at 6 p.m. yesterday
collided with the junk, striking it
amidships on the port side. 25
pounds was caused among the crew
of the junk when the collision
occurred but none of them was
injured.

Quarantine restrictions have
been imposed on arrivals from
Shanghai on account of smallpox.

Mosul settlement which British
accepted and welcomed through
harvesting of the decision
with regard to Iraq a minute
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THE BOYCOTT.

HOUSE OF COMMONS QUESTION.

THE UNOFFICIAL FORM.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 16.

At the House of Commons Mr.
W. Ormsby Gore replying to Mr.
H. W. Looker with regard to the
Chinese boycott of British goods
and particularly of British trade
from Hongkong, reported that un-
official discussions were proceeding
between representatives of Chinese
merchants in Hongkong and Can-
ton.

The Strike Committee thought
it far more likely that good would
result if negotiations were left in
an unofficial form at present.

[Mr. H. W. Looker was formerly
a Solicitor in Hongkong.]

SINGAPORE BASE.

THE QUESTION OF LABOUR.

SUPPLY NOT AFFECTED.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 16.

In the House of Commons re-
plying to Mr. H. Penny who
called attention to the allegation
that the Labour Party supply
to the plantations in the vicinity
of the Naval Base at Singapore
would be greatly depleted by Gov-
ernment competition, Sir A. Davison
stated he had been advised from

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Authorized Capital \$10,000,000
 Issued and Fully Paid up \$10,000,000
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 Sterling \$1,500,000
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 Reserve Liability of \$10,000,000
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 Hongkong, 10th May 1925.

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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
A. H. BARLOW,
 Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 7th January 1925.

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HEAD OFFICE:

65, Boulevard Haussmann, Paris.

Subscribed Capital Frs. 72,000,000.00
 Paid-up Capital Frs. 68,400,000.00
 Reserve Fund Frs. 59,867,232.54

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HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.
 Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
 Reserve Fund £4,000,000
 Reserve Liability of Pro-
 prietors £3,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and **FIXED DEPOSITS** received for 1 year or shorter period at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,
 Manager.
 Hongkong, 15th April, 1925.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.

THE BANK OF EAST
ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: HONGKONG.

Authorized Capital \$10,000,000
 Paid-up Capital \$10,000,000
 Reserve Fund \$1,000,000

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KAN TONG PO,
 Chief Manager.
 Hongkong, 16th February, 1925.

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A. ROLLIN,
 Manager.
 Hongkong, 1st December, 1925.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER, 1853.
HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.
 Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
 Reserve Fund £4,000,000
 Reserve Liability of Pro-
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A. H. FERGUSON,
 Manager.
 Hongkong, 15th April, 1925.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.
 (Taiwan Bank, Ltd.)
 Incorporated by Special Imperial Charter, 1899.
 Capital Subscribed Yen 46,000,000
 Capital (Paid-up) Yen 39,375,000

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 JAPAN—Tokyo, Yokohama, Kobe, Osaka.
 FORMOSA—Tainan, Keelung, Keelung, Keelung, Keelung.
 KOREA—Seoul, Pusan, Incheon, Taegu, Ulsan, Daegu, Gyeongsang, Jeolla, Cholla, Gangwon, Jeju.

CHINA—Shanghai, Hankow, Amoy, Peking, Tientsin, Canton, Hongkong, Singapore, Batavia, London, New York, Calcutta.
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The Bank has Correspondents in the following countries: Australia, Canada, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaya, Persia, Siam, Thibet, and the United States.
T. TAKAGI,
 Manager.
 HONGKONG BRANCH:
 3, Des Voeux Road Central.
 Hongkong, 1st November, 1925.

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COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

N.Y.K. AND T.K.E.

More About The Merger.

The proposed merger of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha and Toyo Kisen Kaisha will be taken up formally next year, says the "Osaka Mainichi," when definite terms and conditions have been drawn up by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha. The scheme, before it can be carried out in full, will have many difficulties to get over, since it is likely that there will be discrepancy between the terms laid down by the two companies. What share the Yasuda Bank, which has a large interest in the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, and the shareholders of the steamship company will have in the distribution of proceeds derived from the execution of the plan, will be a knotty problem to solve.

The merger, however, will be carried out, as far as the San Francisco Line and the South American West Coast Line are concerned. The former is operated with a fleet of five steamers including the "Taiyo Maru" consigned by the Government, and the latter with four steamers. The merger not being a purchase of the whole business, the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, will remain an independent unit with a fleet of ten freight boats with a total tonnage of 65,000 at its command.

Keeping The Hotel.
 The Oriental Hotel, in Kobe, owned and managed by the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, may remain in its possession. The Nippon Yusen Kaisha is desirous of taking it over, but the owner is little inclined to part with the business, which is rather a lucrative proposition. At any rate, the price reported to have been offered, 100,000 shares in the capital of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, does not include this.

Running As A Freight Line.
 The South American Line would be retained were it not for the failure of the San Francisco service as a business proposition. Also there is a suggestion made that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha take over the ten freight boats in possession of the other company, so as to replace those of the former, which await scrapping. But the proposal has small chance of being carried out on account of the low speed obtainable from them. On the other hand, if they are left with the present owner, they will allow the Toyo Kisen Kaisha to live through the transition and start as one of the non-subsidised companies in the trade with the present staff practically intact, which is an important consideration. In that event, the company will make a call for ¥9,750,000, the remainder of authorised capital, in order to prepare for activities when things look up in trade.

CAPITALISM.
A Rich Man's Book.
 Nowadays we all discuss capitalism. Is capitalism sound? Will capitalism last? We seem to do little else but argue these tremendous questions—whatever our qualifications for doing so. Yet how little we know about the capitalist himself. He is the chief agent of the present order of society, but we know little or nothing about his habits. Some people tell us that he is incredibly cunning; others that he is very pious. But none of them has written a natural history of the animal—although to be sure one would have thought that a creature, which was at once bloated and cunning, would have been an interesting enough study for any "earnest student of society."

Even the economists are not helpful. Marshall makes sundry valiant attempts to describe the qualities of the "upright undertaker" but somehow one always feels that Marshall's sense for character was not so acute as his sense for the calculus. Bagehot could certainly have helped us, but he died before he had given the world all that he had to give it. We are still waiting for a really satisfactory economic analysis of business undertaken.

But in the meantime Sir Ernest Benn with a frankness and candour rare among any class of society, has offered himself as a specimen for public dissection. As a successful capitalist, how poor, he is very naturally impatient with the amateurish accounts of his functions which are given by armchair theorists. In the absence of a competent demonstrator, he performs the operation himself.

The result is a book which is unique in economic literature. Sir Ernest's pen is as vivid as his mind is fearless and independent. Having resolved upon candour he does not shrink at anything. He tells us the most intimate details of his business—the size of his income, the extent of his commitments, the profit he made on this venture, the loss he made on that one. And the whole is accompanied by a running line of argument on the fundamental problems of economics which is set out so skillfully as to be entertaining and arresting as the autobiographical details. You may disagree with Sir Ernest, but you cannot stop reading him.

And for those who do disagree with him he is a most formidable antagonist. These confessions are nothing if not militant. Sir Ernest is an unrepentant individualist, and he defends his point of view with a wealth of argument and illustrative example which will surprise many who, nurtured in our collectivist atmosphere, imagine that individualism has nothing to say for itself. Socialists, who think that defenders of the present order are of a lower order of mentality, had better avoid this book; it will be a nasty blow to their *amour propre*. There are few of them who could command Sir Ernest's literary force—let alone this dialectical ingenuity.

For the economist the book simply teems with interest; it is worth a hundred blue books. There are certain things indeed that I could wish Sir Ernest had avoided. I could wish he had not used Pareto as a peg for the discussion of inequality; I fear that that economist's very questionable economic fatalism will prove a stumbling-block to many. And surely it is a little unfair to say that economists have boycotted Pareto. Pigou and Dalton face up to him very manfully. But these are minor blemishes, which do not detract from Sir Ernest's main performance. He has written a good book, a vivid book, and a book which should be in the hands of everybody.

But will it? The price of the present edition is 18s. If Sir Ernest really wishes to call any but the rightous to repentance he must issue a cheaper one as soon as possible.

"Confessions of a Capitalist." By Sir E. J. P. Benn. Bt. Hutchinson, 18s.

BRITISH GOODS.
 The Prince To Attend Dinner Industries Fair.

The Prince of Wales has promised to attend a dinner on February 15 to celebrate the opening of the British Industries Fair, to be held in London and Birmingham from February 15 to 24. Guests will include exhibitors and buyers from abroad. This is the first time that a member of the Royal Family has been present at such a function.

No fair of such an ambitious kind has yet been organised in England.

The Government has agreed to spend £25,000 on publicity. Personal invitations are to be issued to 150,000 buyers at home and abroad. Catalogues are to be printed in nine different languages.

Up to the present a record number of applications has been received from firms for space to exhibit in the London section.

RICE IMPORTS.
 Big Japan Figures.

Import rice for Japan for the year from November, 1924, to the season began, up to the end of October 1925, amounted to 11,972,171 koku, of which Saigon and Ratong rice was 5,001,638 koku; Korean rice 4,494,413 koku and Formosan rice 2,556,069 koku, says a report of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce.

Details of import rice during the past twelve months are:

Nov. 70,861 574,638 223,101
 Dec. 95,157 728,283 254,108
 Jan. 99,525 482,973 195,148
 Feb. 149,147 835,651 136,210
 Mar. 340,048 469,521 108,463
 Apr. 327,977 677,783 67,922
 May 798,165 849,247 25,202
 June 888,377 376,841 92,759
 July 625,500 166,523 430,814
 Aug. 874,909 58,381 855,528
 Sept. 231,645 18,739 214,906
 Oct. 173,831 27,336 146,495

Expected rice for the period November to 1925 is 1,700,000 koku.

which 70,861 koku was shipped to Korea, 998,630 koku to Formosa, 290,967 koku to Saigon, and the balance to other foreign countries.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1925.

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 Corned 1/2
 Roast 1/2
 Breast 1/2
 Soup 1/2
 Steak 1/2
 Steak Shorn 1/2
 Sausages 1/2
 Bullock's Brains 1/2
 Tongue, fresh 1/2
 Tongue, corned 1/2
 Head 1/2
 Heart 1/2
 Rump, Salt 1/2
 Feet 1/2
 Kidneys 1/2
 Tail 1/2
 Liver 1/2
 Tripe 1/2
 Calves' Head & Feet 1/2
 Mutton Chop 1/2
 Leg 1/2
 Shoulder 1/2
 Saddle 1/2
 Pig's Chittlings 1/2
 Brains 1/2
 Feet 1/2
 Fry 1/2
 Head 1/2
 Heart 1/2
 Kidneys 1/2
 Liver 1/2
 Pork Chop 1/2
 Leg 1/2
 Loin 1/2
 Fat or Lard 1/2
 Sheep's Head & Feet 1/2
 Heart 1/2
 Kidneys 1/2
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"KHYBER"	9,114	27th Jan.	Marcellus, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	8,097	28th Feb.	Marcellus, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,041	28th Feb.	Marcellus, London & Antwerp
"KARMA"	10,032	28th Mar.	Marcellus, London & Antwerp
"MANTUA"	8,888	28th Mar.	Marcellus, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	9,136	28th Mar.	Marcellus, London & Antwerp
"SHIVA"	10,916	28th Mar.	Marcellus, London & Antwerp
"DEVANHA"	8,155	28th Mar.	Marcellus, London & Antwerp
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"ARAFURA"	8,000	8th Jan.	Manila, Cebu, Batavia, Thursday Island, Towsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	9th Jan.	do
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"KAYBER"	8,114	28th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka
"HYWETUS"	4,800	2nd Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe
"SANTIA"	8,500	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka
"MALWA"	10,041	8th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka
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The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Hongkong" left Vancouver for
Hongkong via Japan, etc., and
Shanghai, on Dec. 13 and is due
here on Dec. 21.

The M.V. "Agnes" (Swedish)
East Asiatic Co., Ltd., left
Dunkirk on Nov. 20, 1925 and is
due here on or about Jan. 1, 1926.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Asia" Capt. L. D. Douglas,
R.N.R., Commander, will leave
here for Victoria and Vancouver,
B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe and Yokohama at 6 a.m. on
Jan. 7, 1926.

Passengers of "Empress of Asia"
are hereby informed that all Goods are being
landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Hongkong and Kow-
loon Wharf and Godown Company,
Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from
the wharves delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded
unless notice to the contrary be given
before 8th instant.

No claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the
15th inst., will be subject to sale.
All claims against the steamer must
be presented to the Underwriter on or
before the 25th inst. or they will not
be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged
Goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined on the
15th inst., at 10 a.m. by our surveyors
Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned
by

DODWELL & CO. LTD.
Agents.
Hongkong, 9th December, 1925.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO. LTD.
COPENHAGEN.

The M/S "MALAYA"
having arrived, Consignees of cargo are
hereby informed that all goods are
being landed and placed at their risk
into the Godowns of the Hongkong
& Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.,
where delivery can be obtained as soon
as the goods are landed.

No claims will be admitted after the
goods have left the Godowns, and all
goods remaining undelivered after the
15th of December, 1925, 4 p.m. will be
subject to sale.

All broken, chafed and damaged
goods are to be left in the Godowns,
where they will be examined by Messrs.
Anderson & Ash on the 15th of
December, 1925, at 10 a.m.

All claims against the vessel must be
presented to the Underwriter before the
23rd of December, 1925, or they will
not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
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WHAT TO GIVE.

THE CHRISTMAS PRESENT
PUZZLE.

Christmas presents are very
difficult this year, partly because
money is tighter, prospects darker,
at the moment, and there is
nothing outstanding in the way of
male Christmas presents. Some
people are falling back again on
bath salts, or woollen scarves for
motoring, and many in desperation
are going deeper into their
pockets than they expected for
Man-longs sets, says a Home
page records, and glass-
ware are popular. A few people
are sending etchings and wood-
cuts, and painted boxes of all
kinds.

Mr. Masfield's collected poems,
which can now be got in a handy
volume at a modest price, is a
favourite present, and Mr.
Kipling's Scout-book is another.

Booksellers complain that there is
no Christmas book that the
harassed and hesitating buyer
can fix on with pleasure. Mr.
Max Beerbohm's "Christmas
Garland" is the sort of thing they
mean. French books are selling
well, but there is not a
good supply of French child-
ren's songs with music.

Novels do not sell at Christmas-
time in the proportion you would
expect to other books.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of
Canada" left Shanghai on Dec. 15
at 11 a.m. and is due at Hongkong
on Dec. 20.

The M.V. "Benrue" left
Singapore for this port on Dec. 14
p.m. and is due here on Dec. 20 p.m.

The B.L. "Benrue" left
London, Straits and Philippines is
due to arrive here tomorrow.

The T.K.K. "Benrue" is
in due at Hongkong on Dec. 21.

The M.V. "Benrue" (Swedish)
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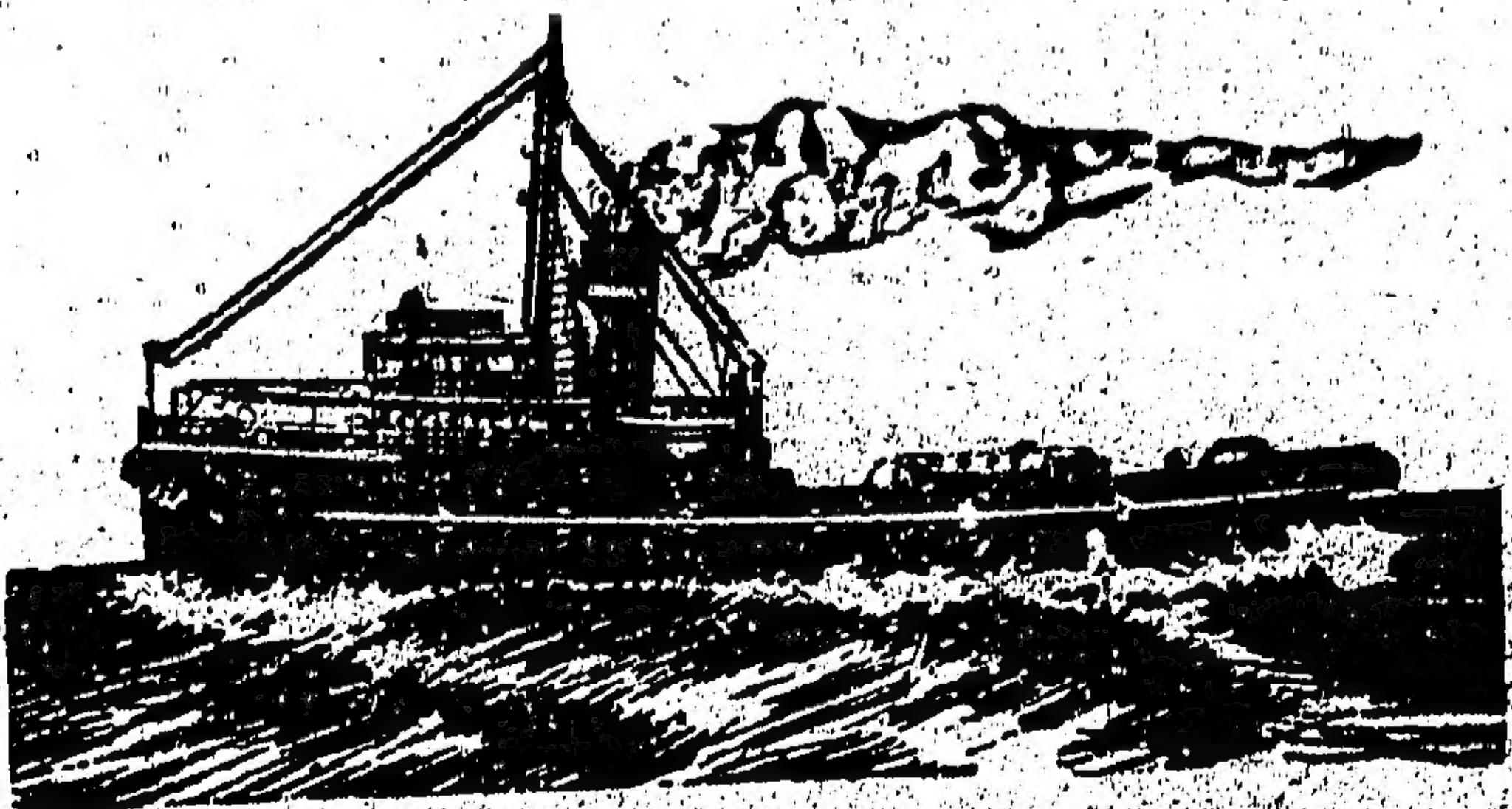
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GOLF

There was once a Hongkong kupo who said he would sooner be the golf champion of Hongkong than be a member of its Legislative Council. Such a desire may not say much for the Legislative Council, or the sense of "civic service" which membership of it should connote; it does say a lot for the enthusiasm which the royal and ancient game provokes amongst its many adherents. A local professor of music has put it on record that some of his pupils are more concerned with the idea of a correct stance, approach shot, putting, and the ability to beat Colonel Bage, than with the complete subjugation of—say—Czarney and his one hundred and one exercises for the piano. Golf then, hath her virtues no less renowned than any of the many things that help either to pass the time, shake up the liver, or provide topic for conversation. The game is not sufficiently ancient enough to provide us with historic examples of calm and quietude—and resolve. There is no golf Drake of by-gone days who completed his eighteen holes whilst an armada, so to speak, approached to make an effective shot. There is though that terrible but true story of the French Premier who came to Clegher, tried the practice hole at golf with the gentlemanly habits shown as the Welsh Prince, and then, as an old friend, went back to his active land, where to his office and the confidence of his

people. There may be a moral in this, but let moralists—and others—discover it if they can. In Hongkong we take the game seriously but splendidly. The game improves our physique—and often our vocabulary. We journey to Fanling, to Happy Valley, and often to the green sward—a licence must be allowed us—at Deep Water Bay. Little do we think of all the thought that is put into the control of the game by those whose enthusiasm has urged them to the highest sense of disinterested service. The annual meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club is a serious affair, when the past year is quietly analysed and the problems it has brought into train, and occupied the minds of the members of its Committee, brought to full notice. There is in it perhaps a suggestion that we are apt to become slaves of the game instead of being its master; but reflection suggests that where two or three golfers are gathered together in pursuit of a small ball, there must be problems of comfort in the midst of them. This is the nearest reference to prayer book or Biblical language we dare go in writing of a game which, alas! can take us far from such desirable things. What was once the special game of the European community, has now spread to our Portuguese and Japanese friends. The Chinese will soon, we hope, take it up. They should do well in a pastime in which the wrist, the eye, and that calm, attitude of mind so necessary to success in any calling, are so much called into play. This is exemplified in the two gentlemen, members of the Government service, honoured by their fellows in being elected to the high offices of President and Captain respectively of the Golf Club. At this let us leave this engaging subject, wishing the Club a speedy deliverance from all its afflictions, undeserved as undoubtedly they are.

THEY SAY THAT—

I am a most unimpassioned person. —The Archdeacon of Canterbury. The business man is completely demoralising the theatre. —Sir Barry Jackson. I believe that a good time is being had by all the people in the world. —The Hon. Mr. Bage. I am a most unimpassioned person. —The Archdeacon of Canterbury.

Humour is only the few deserving things that have not received a subsidy. —Lord Darling.

Of ten people, one must be a champion of more or less impaired health. —Sir W. Arbuthnot Lane.

"To-day there are four calls for self-sacrifice on the part of someone else." —Bishop of Lichfield.

The churches, I am afraid, made a sad mistake when they allowed us to go in for nothing. —Mr. Robert Lynd.

It may be true that the young land, like the young person, is often tyrannical and dogmatic. —Miss Constance Clyde.

Churchmen have to face the fact that there is a serious conflict between Christianity and science. —Dean Inge.

Learned men and women in the past have always been those who were not educated but have taught themselves. —Mr. C. G. Mayo.

The British people were determined that they would not be determined by the world. —Mr. J. St. Lee Strachan.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

THE LATE M. PAUL KREMER.

THIS MORNING'S CEREMONY.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated at St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road, this morning in memory of, and for the repose of the soul of, M. Paul Kremer, late French Consul in Hongkong, who died in Peking last week.

The service, which was a lengthy and impressive one with a full choir in attendance, was conducted by the Rev. Father Robert, assisted by members of the French Mission, and the altar was draped in black. The Dead March in Saul was rendered at the conclusion of the impressive ceremony.

The attendance included members of the French community, among them: Mons. Yves du Courthial (French Consul) and Madame du Courthial. A large number of others were also present including the Portuguese Consul-General.

OBITUARY

MR. H. E. STEARNS.

The death, took place at Colombo, as he was on his way home on sick leave, of Mr. H. E. Stearns, of the Union Insurance Co. of Canton, who until recently was manager of the branch at Kobe. He was obliged to leave the a.s. "Mianan" at Colombo and proceed to hospital and he passed away following an operation on the 14th inst.

KOWLOON MATTERS.

At the monthly meeting of the Kowloon Residents' Association (held at St. Andrew's Church Hall with the President, Mr. W. S. Bailey, in the chair) the following matters came up for consideration:

Children's Playground. — As only a strip of ground along Chatham Road and not the full area further back from the road had been prepared by Government, the President is to interview the Hon. Colonial Secretary upon this matter with a view to obtaining for the children the full area for which the Association had asked the Government.

Dangerous Cycling by Youths in Kowloon. — A letter was read from the C.S.P. that this practice was not confined to Chinese and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write the C.S.P. that the Association's complaint included all offenders against whom heavier penalties should be devised.

Numbering of Houses in Kowloon. — The Hon. Secretary was instructed to again write the Government on this subject, giving specific instances of confusion in numbering, with consequent annoyance in wrong deliveries or non-deliveries of letters, etc.

Kowloon Hospital. — The Hon. Secretary was instructed to respectfully request date of opening of this Hospital.

Mr. H. E. Stearns, who was a most unimpassioned person, was a most unimpassioned person. —The Archdeacon of Canterbury.

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

WHAT JACK JAZZ MUSICIANS SAY.

Is Jazz music? It gets the worst possible effects by breaking all the rules. The word came from a little town in the Southern States of America where the "toughs" used to shout, "Chas. Charles by name."

"Chas." became "Jazz," and the name stuck to the "music," which took New York by storm at the time of the Armistice. But when folk cooled down "jazz" properly so termed, gently expired.

Here is a fine point submitted in a recent book written by a medical man.

"Where are you going?" asked the Pilgrim of the Plague. "I am going to Bagdad to kill five thousand people," answered the Plague.

"Later the Pilgrim met the Plague returning. 'You told me that you were going to Bagdad to kill five thousand people,' said the Pilgrim. 'Indeed you killed fifty thousand,' said the Plague."

"No, you're mistaken," said the Plague. "I killed five thousand and I said I should. The others died of fright."

The Hen is a ferocious bird. She pecks you till she makes you howl.

And all the time she daps her wings, And says the most insulting things.

And when you try to take her eggs, She bites large pieces from your legs.

The only safe way to get these is to creep on your hands and knees.

In the meanwhile a friend must hide, And jump out on the other side.

And then you snatch the eggs and run, While she pursues the other one.

The difficulty is, to find A trusty friend who will not mind.

A doubtful friend is the Grin, Distrust him when you hear him laugh.

He laughs like people at a ball, And not because he's pleased at all.

He sneers and his neck like tape, Until his length precludes escape.

And then he dexterously throws The window open with his nose.

And if you hide beneath a chair He finds you out, and pins you there.

THE STUDY OF GAELIC CULTURE.

Glasgow, not Inverness, may safely boast of being the real Highland Capital of Scotland, says the "Christian Science Monitor." It is on the fringe of four Celtic divisions; it contains a quarter of a million Highlanders; it has clan societies, associations, and organisations; and it shows a greater interest perhaps than any other city in the language, music, history and customs of the Gael. To crown all, it has just opened a Highlanders' Institute, the object of which is to encourage the study of things Gaelic, to promote the home industries of the Highlands, and to provide a "home" or meeting place for the sons of Scotland. Hitherto the gathering place for men from the north has been the arches in Argyle Street, under the railway tracks of the Central Station.

The Institute may retard the decline of Gaelic, although the hope that Gaelic might continue as a living language have long grown dim. Thirty years ago Scotland had four times as many persons as it has to-day speaking nothing but Gaelic. In 1891, the figures were 43,788; in 1921, they had decreased to 10,814. Indeed, it is a rare thing to hear the language spoken in the streets, and only in a remote village like Ballychulish, near the Pass of Glencoe, may it be heard occasionally in conversation.

The cause of the decline is not to be found in outside influences. Rather it is to be traced to the Highland home. The Highlander, unable to speak English in his early years, has found Gaelic a handicap in dealing with the outside world. Therefore he has encouraged his children to learn English, believing that to insist upon teaching Gaelic would merely perpetuate the difficulty under which he laboured.

Indeed, it is the Highlander away from his native mountain and river who is the man, agent, or champion of Gaelic culture. He is the man who, by his study of the Gaelic language, has been able to give the world a translation, or discuss the revival of customs which have long been of their charm, because of their antiquity. He is the man who, by his study of the Gaelic language, has been able to give the world a translation, or discuss the revival of customs which have long been of their charm, because of their antiquity.

"Old boy, you know my little 'My Little Bus'?"

Bus. When he has got thus far, The owner-driver will discuss The merits of his car.

He'll tell the tale of Shakti Hill (That hazardous ascent); It can't be done in "top," but still Right up in "top" he went.

Petrol consumption? Very sound: One gallon, per ninety miles. And all? A pint will take you round, And round the Hongkong aisles.

Suchlike phenomena he'll cite, With envy you are green; You realise his is a quite Superlative machine.

Then, after making all this fuss, He sells it for a song. And someone gets the "little bus" Dirt-cheap in "dear" Hongkong.

Lord Grey tells a story of Lord Balfour's story in "Twenty-five Years: 1892-1918."

Returning to London from Paris during the war, Lord Grey was accompanied by Lloyd George and Mr. Balfour. It was a "dirty" Channel crossing and later, when all three were comfortably settled in a Pullman en route from Dover to London, this conversation took place—

Lord Grey: I couldn't help thinking about mines on the way over.

Lloyd George (wearily): Oh! I was feeling much too bad to think of mines.

Arthur Balfour (with convincing emphasis): "I longed for a mine."

This seems the time place and opportunity to pass along the best Balfour story we know. It was in Paris during the Peace Conference. Two secretaries were conversing.

"Why don't you persuade your old man to get his hair cut?" said one.

"He looks like the old man of the sea."

"I know," said the other, "but he won't go to the barber. I can't persuade him."

"I can," replied his friend, and the next day he approached Lord Balfour, the "old man" in question.

"Oh, sir," he said, "how like Mr. Lloyd George you look with your hair long like that!"

Lord Balfour arose and went to the barber's on the spot.

THE LOWER DECK.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES DENOUNCED.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S ORDERS.
(Reuter's Service.)

Portsmouth, Dec. 16.
Naval Port Orders issued by the Commander-in-Chief, Admiral Sir Sydney Fremantle, states that the Admiralty's attention has been called to the distribution, presumably through Communist activities, of pamphlets circulated widely in His Majesty's ships and Naval barracks in Home waters.
The Admiralty has therefore directed that a statement shall be read to all ships' companies and placed on notice boards in all His Majesty's ships and establishments, showing there is no foundation for the allegations contained in the leaflets, and pointing out that the writers of the leaflets are not interested in the welfare of the lower deck, but aim at discontent, facilitating the introduction, by revolutionary violence, of a form of government similar to Russia.

WAR DEBTS.

ACRIMONIOUS AMERICAN DEBATE.

SOME PLAIN WORDS.

Washington, Dec. 16.
An unusually acrimonious debate in the Senate was occasioned by Republican efforts to deal with the Italian and Belgian settlements before Christmas. Senator Reed attacked the British settlement as "whitewashing international bribery" to permit them to make loans to debtors at six to seven percent.
He asserted that under the Italian settlement the United States would not get one per cent of the principal.
Senator Smoot, however, doubted Italy's ability to pay even the amount promised.
Several members bitterly criticized France. Senator Smoot stated "France blunts her sword that she owes us nothing, but unless she makes a settlement she will go the way of the mark."
The Republicans were forced to abandon their efforts to obtain an immediate consideration of the agreements.

AIR DISASTER.

AN AMERICAN COURT-MARTIAL.

COLONEL MITCHELL'S POSITION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Washington, Dec. 17.
Both the prosecution and defence have completed their cases in the court-martial of Colonel Mitchell.
The most important event was placing the evidence of the letter written by Mr. Weeks, when Secretary of War, to President Coolidge, describing Mitchell as "unfit for his high administrative position" and as an officer whose course was so "lawless" that despite his excellent war record he had forfeited the good opinion of those most familiar with the facts.
A Washington message of November 24 stated:
Colonel Mitchell, giving evidence in his own defence at the court-martial reiterated the charge that American Government Departments were "guilty of almost treasonable negligence" because they had not provided adequate aerial defence against foreign aggression. He gave it as his opinion that an enemy aeroplane a hundred miles out at sea could drop bombs wirelessly directed at will within an area as large as New York City, and never miss a target.

HOME MAILS.

The mails by the U.S. Express of Canada, were due at the Post Office at about 3 p.m. today.
A number of bags from Europe via St. Louis is also on board this vessel in addition to letters from Canada, U.S.A., Japan, and Shanghai.

GERMAN PLOT.

STRESEMANN IN DANGER.

EXTREME NATIONALISTS ARRESTED.
(Reuter's Service.)

Berlin, December 16.
A plot to assassinate Herr Stresemann was revealed when the



police arrested two extreme nationalist politicians, Dr. Dietrich and Dr. Lorenz.
The death was already planned with all details, including disguises, a motor car and telephone flight.

ANOTHER CRISIS.

FRENCH FINANCIAL SITUATION.

A SHORT-LIVED STOPPAGE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, December 16.
M. Paul Doumer has been appointed Finance Minister.
That M. Doumer will be a short-lived stoppage is the opinion of the whole of the evening press, which is preparing for another crisis.
The Doumerliet are completely dissatisfied with the appointment.
M. Doumer says Doumer is ready to resign the portfolio to the hands of all parties, but newspapers unanimously predict he will not go far.

The Doumerliet says the Doumerliet will fall and a Government by national union will become inevitable.

M. Doumer was born on March 22, 1857. He was elected deputy in 1888 and 1902, and appointed Minister of Finance in 1906-08. He was Governor-General of Indo-China in 1907-1908. He was elected Senator in 1912, and was Minister of Finance again in 1921-22. He has a wide reputation, especially in the Senate, as a sound financial authority on somewhat conservative lines.

The Doumerliet recovered two points on M. Doumer's resignation.

AERIAL EXPANSION.

APPEAL FOR RESTRICTION.

THE BRITISH PROGRAMME.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, December 16.
An international appeal to restrict aerial expansion was implied in a speech by Sir E. Hoare at West London.
He declared that while he was able to recommend the postponement of certain forms of expansion, the British programme must depend on the attitude of other Governments.
He said that notwithstanding our notorious inferiority compared with continental nations, and also our peculiar vulnerability from the air we were prepared, as a result of Loumo, to delay our programme to some extent.
He hoped other countries would follow the example and enable Governments to avoid a race of arms.

CLOSER TOUCH.

CANTON-HONGKONG PEACE MOVES.

SWATOW SUBMISSION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tuesday's "Canton Gazette" says:
Recently the news in regard to the resumption of communications between Hongkong and Canton, as well as the settlement of the strike, is highly promising.
The two parties are likely to come into closer terms with each other day by day, and the settlement of the strike does not now seem far off.
Fourteen stipulations are given in Tuesday's "Canton Gazette" as having been submitted to the British in Swatow as the terms for resumption of work by strikers.
They include, briefly:
Reinstatement of strikers and benefits; the British Coast to cooperate with a Strike Committee to award compensation for future employment and dismissal under labour union approval; standard working hours, etc.

XMAS LEGENDS.

THE BLEEDING OF HORSES.

THE THREE MAGI.

The Legend of the Magi has its origin in the simple story of the Scriptures as narrated by St. Matthew, every century adding its quota of particulars to the original account was but a drop in an ocean of detail. In time the number of the Magi was categorically stated to be three, and minute descriptions were given not only of their personal appearance, but of their gifts.
Even their place of burial was located, and their bones transferred to the great church of St. Sophia in Constantinople. Referred to (1164) to the world-renowned cathedral of Cologne, their remains, says Chambers, were placed in a "magnificent reliquary enriched with gems and enamel, still remaining in its marble shrine in the cathedral, one of the chief wonders of the people and the principal sight in Cologne."
A heavy fee is exacted for opening the door of the chapel, which is then lighted with lamps, producing a dazzling effect in the mass of gold and jewelled sculpture, in the centre of which may be seen the three skulls, reputed to be those of the Magi. These relics are enveloped in velvet, and decorated with "embroidery and jewels, so that only the upper part of each skull is seen, and the hollow eyes which, as the faithful believe, once rested on the Saviour."
Boxing Day is the festival of St. Stephen, the first martyr for the Christian faith, who, for some unaccountable reason appears to have been regarded for centuries as the patron of horses. According to an interesting old book, entitled "Wits, Fits, and Fancies," it was, therefore, the day when it was the "custom for all horses to be let blood and drenched." Details are given by Barnaby Rudge.

Then followeth St. Stephen's day whereon doth every man his horses hunt and course abroad, as swiftly as he can. Until they doe extremely swate, and that they let them blood. For this being done upon this day they say doth do them good. And keeps them from all maladies and sickness through the year.

As if that Stephen any time took charge of horses being During the season of Advent—the "three weeks before the day" whereon was borne the Lord of Grace—rustic young girls in many corners of England used to find amusement and delight in the old Hallow'E'en custom of attempting to divine the name and disposition of the men they were to marry.

Four anyone, five, or eight, they take, And make in every one. Such names as they do fanstie most. And best do think upon. Thus neere the chimney them they set. And that same upon them. That first doth sprouts doth surely beare. The name of their good man.

Having thus discovered the name, they went by night to a wood-stack, where "Each one draws out a faggot stick, and according as it was smooth and even or crooked and knotted, so would the husband be gentle or crabby."

ST. DAVID'S SOCIETY.

ANNUAL MEETING.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE.

(Reuter's Service.)

The ordinary annual general meeting of the above-named Society was held at night, to receive the report of the Committee and statement of accounts for the past year and to elect Officers for the ensuing year.
Messrs. Owen Hughes, President of the Society, was in the chair. The following Officers were elected for the ensuing year (as from March 2, 1926):
President, D. J. Lewis; Vice-President, Dr. W. Leslie Thomas; Hon. Secretary, D. Davies (head office, Sanitary Department); Hon. Treasurer, L. E. Hopkins.
Committee: Messrs. D. Richards, H. Owen Hughes, F. Williams, Hugh Jones, A. Morris, E. J. Wynne-Jones, Capt. R. D. Thomas, Mrs. E. I. Wynne-Jones, Mrs. Chiverton and Miss Burdick.

The manner in which St. David's Day will be celebrated and the Society for the ensuing year were considered, and announcements will be made later.

The Society extends a very cordial invitation to Welsh people to become members; and it is hoped that those who have not already done so will apply to the Secretary, who will be pleased to furnish particulars, and applications for membership forms.

Committee's Report.
Your Committee have pleasure in submitting a report on the working of the Society, together with a statement of accounts, for the period ending December 7, 1925.

A meeting was held at the Supreme Court on March 19, 1923, at which the Society was formally inaugurated and rules adopted.

The original members numbered 18 and since that date, 43 new members who have left the memberships now numbers 65. Two members resigned and three members who have left the Colony were removed from the list, as efforts to communicate with them in the Homeland have been unsuccessful.

The Committee report with deep regret the death in the Colony of Captain Woblescott, one of the founders of the Society. The statement hereto shows a balance in hand of £151.55.

One case of distress appeals for assistance to the Society, which was granted. The expenses incurred in connection with this case were practically covered by generous donations from members.

A wreath was laid at the Cenotaph by the President on St. David's Day, March 1, 1926, in the presence of several members of the Society. A wreath was laid at the late Queen Alexandra's Statue on November 27, 1925, by the President, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, in the presence of some of the members of the Society.

The first of November was a day which will be pleasantly remembered by the youth of Berlin for on it the restrictions limiting dancing in public places to three and under special conditions to four days in the week were dropped.

STAR FILM.

COOK'S TOUR OF ENGLAND.

HAILE GAIFFE STORY.

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As good as a Cook's tour of England is the description of the fourteen reels of film taken by the Goldwyn company for "The Christian," the Goldwyn picture, coming to the Star Theatre to-day for three days. In which Richard Dix, Mae Busch, Phyllis Haver, Garth Hughes were being directed by Maurice Tourneur.

The unedited film included as a background for the stirring drama of the story, scenes on the Isle of Man, beautiful views of Epsom Downs race-track on Derby, the clustered gardens of Kensington, Houses of Parliament, Whitehall and the other Thames, Cambridge, historic Stratford Square, where his most interesting scenes were staged by permission of the London Council. White chapel and St. John, the slum section, and the "atmosphere" in contrast that of Piccadilly and the Strand. Of course all of this film could not be used in the final result but enough has been retained to give spectators a good idea of England and the Isle of Man.

Hall Caine, the author of the novel wrote the scenario on which the present adaptation was based. The novelist also worked with the Tourneur company helping them to find the most suitable locations and generally using his influence in their behalf. The company was ten weeks making the trip and procuring the necessary scenes.

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When the trial on charges of theft of the Countess Ellipor von Bothmer, belonging to one of the oldest aristocratic families in Germany, was resumed, a sensation was caused in court by the evidence of a witness named Elmer, who declared that the Countess had offered him a large sum of money to confess to thefts alleged to have been committed by her. A Pomeranian, being asked.

The Countess, who is a beautiful woman in the prime of life, is alleged to have stolen some of the articles reported in the charges from the house of the president of the Potsdam Law Courts, an old friend of the family, while she was staying there. The articles alleged to have been stolen at the hunting resort were the property of a woman acquaintance.

The Countess, whose husband attempted to commit suicide when the charges became public, declares that the case against her has been fabricated out of spite, because of her "free, modern" ways.

When cross-examined as to her relationship with a certain police officer, Captain Herter, she denied that they were on anything more than merely friendly terms, though she admitted that he had kissed her.

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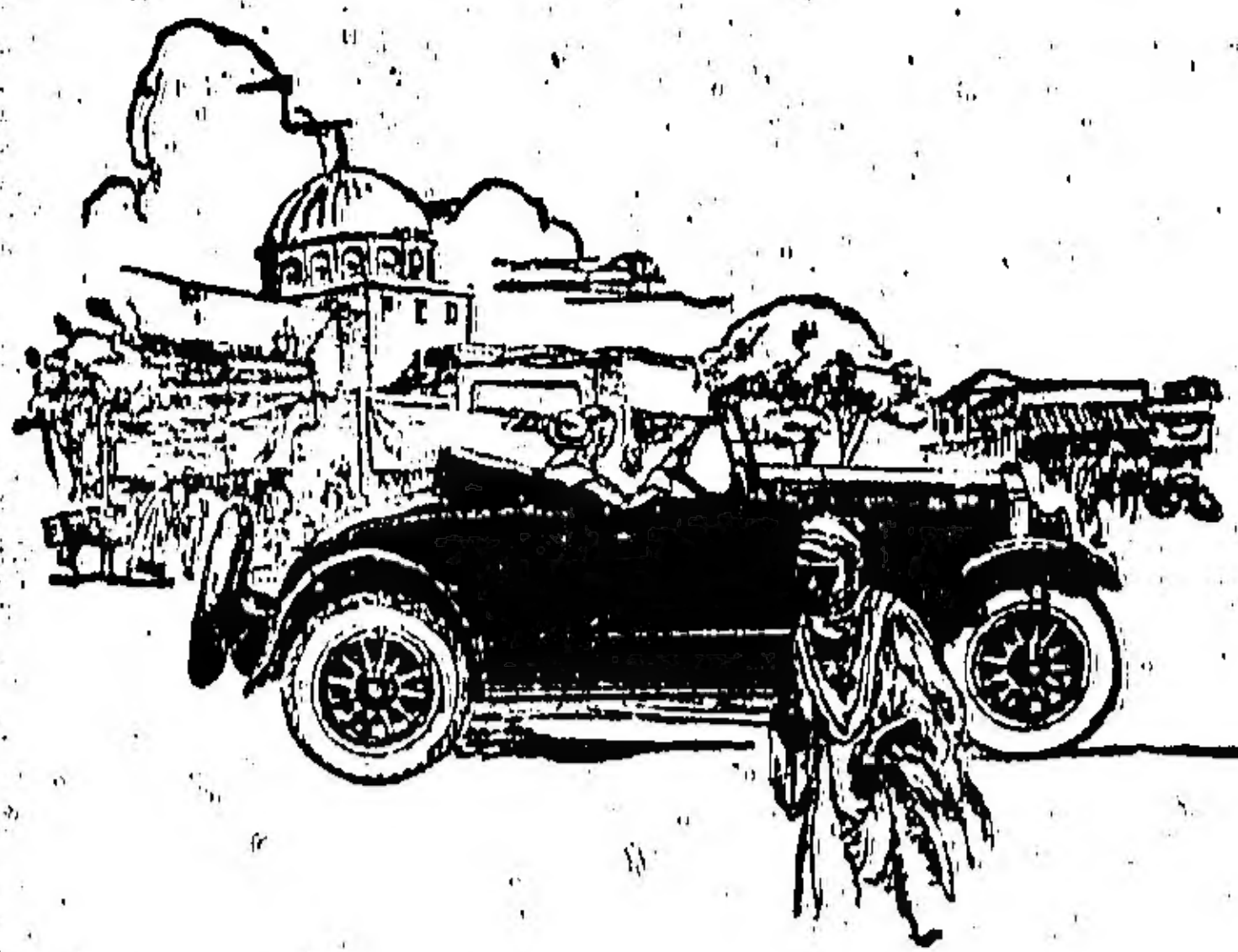
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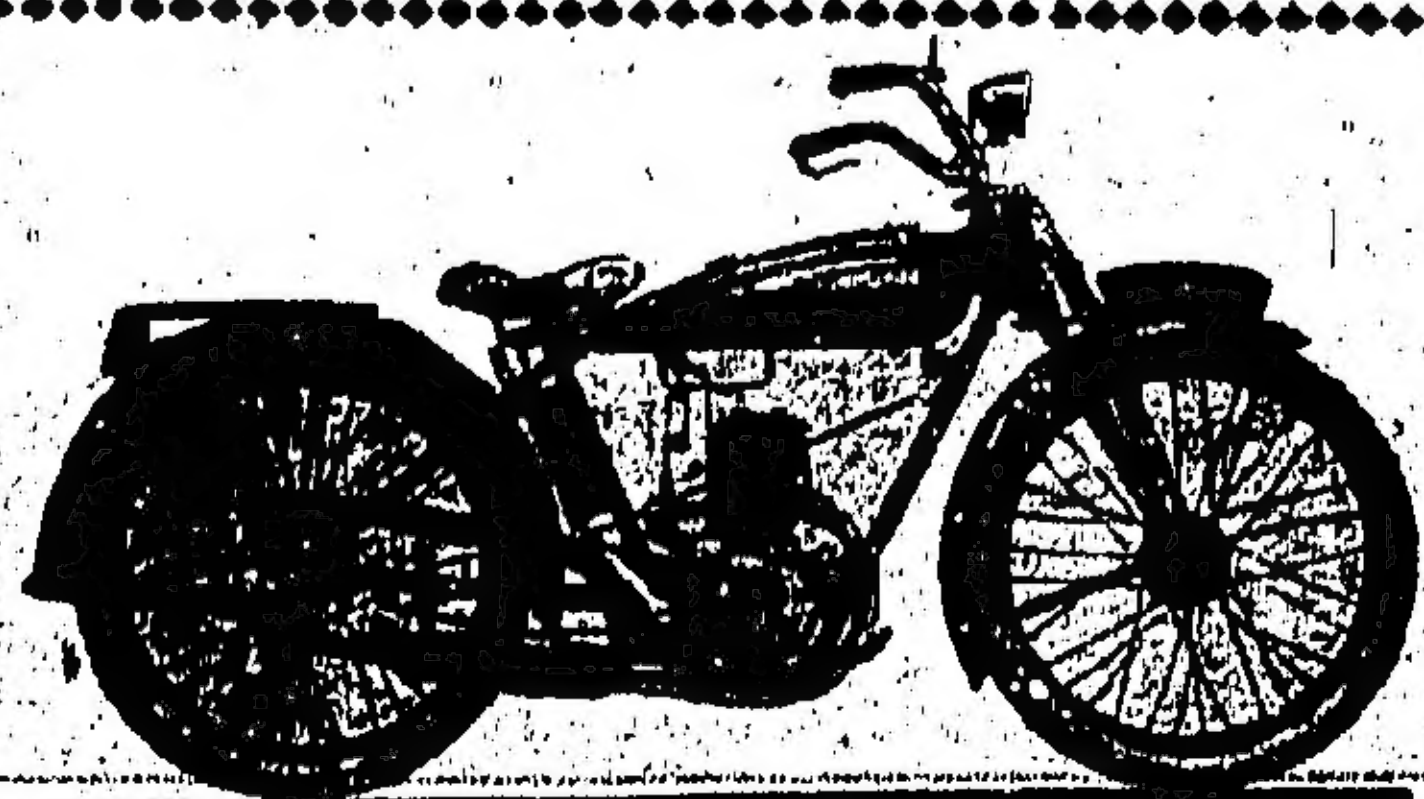
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The French cruiser "Jules Michelet" has gone into Talkoo Dock.

There was a clean Bill of Health for the 24 hours ended Tuesday.

The Post Office announces that the parcels post service to Canton is resumed.

The China Mail acknowledges the receipt of a very well arranged calendar for 1926 from the Messageries Maritimes.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese passenger was fined \$10 for spitting inside a tram car, evidence of which was given by Mr. D. E. Evans. The manager of the Tramway Company said that with reliable witness he thought it possible to put a stop to the disgusting habit of spitting inside or from the cars.

In discharging a Chinese rice shop manager charged at Kowloon yesterday with the larceny of \$270 belonging to the firm, the Magistrate remarked that he had very grave suspicions that the charge had been concocted. At a previous hearing a conspiracy was alleged on the part of the complainant (a woman) in bringing the action following a demand by the defendant of money paid by him for ransom of her children who had been kidnapped by bandits.

Mrs. Diana Watts is arriving in Hongkong on Monday next by the "President Van Buren" and will lecture at the Theatre Royal that same evening, December 21, at 9.15 on "The Principles of Greek Balance" and on Tuesday afternoon, December 22, at 5.15 on "The Science and Art of Perfect Movement." Mrs. Watts makes her lectures particularly interesting by illustrating them in her own person and ends the second lecture by giving an archaic Greek dance. All profits to go to the M. C. L. Funds. Booking at Moutrie's.

Among residents who returned to the Colony from home by the N.Y.K. "Asaka Maru" yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. C. Burnett, Mrs. E. A. C. North and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Seth.

One of the two Missioners of Help—the Bishop of Barrow who was to have visited the Far East including Hongkong, last month, has been appointed Bishop of Christ Church, New Zealand.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Ernest Edwin Hagger, of No. 21 Jordan Road, to Miss Isabella Crawford Macfarlane, who is due to arrive in the Colony by the s.s. "Kumala" from Scotland; Mr. Alfonso Carlos Huenes de Carvalhal, of No. 6 Orson Buildings, to Miss Olga Mader, of No. 28 Ashley Road, Kowloon.

Passengers who left for Hongkong yesterday by s.s. "Patroclus," included Sir Edmund and Lady Pearce, of Shanghai; Sir Percival Phillips, the war correspondent; Mr. G. N. Orme, Director of Education, proceeding on sick leave; and Mrs. Orme, Revd. E. R. Quick of St. Stephen's College, Mr. P. Morrison of Jardine's, Mr. H. Blake and Mr. R. B. A. Webster, solicitors, Mrs. Somers Ellis and Major Lynbery.

The genealogy of Signor Mussolini is still enthusiastically discussed by many of his admirers. Probably he himself prefers to retain his not distant humble origin. But his latest chronicler, Prince Fabrizio Massimo, says, supporting his theory with actual proofs, that Mussolini's ancestors can be traced as far back as the thirteenth century. At the Bardini Museum in Florence, recently opened to the public, there is a stone sarcophagus bearing an inscription in semi-Gothic characters which shows that the name Mussolini was already famous toward the middle of the fourteenth century. A second proof is a round bronze seal with the words, "Sigillum Nicolai de Mussolinis," and the coat of arms in the centre. This seal bears no date, but its character and form point to the first half of the fifteenth century. This seal also lies in Florence in the Bargello Museum.

Entries numbering more than 15,000 and valued at more than \$1,000,000 were exhibited at the International Poultry Show at the Crystal Palace.

While the Chairman of the Middlesex County Council was counting votes, after a show of hands, the electric light failed. For some minutes the chamber was left in darkness. The Chairman had counted up to 18.

Vagrant children in Russia number more than 300,000, the Commissar of Education has found. He characterized it as a situation menacing the welfare of the country, and accordingly has organized a new system of factory schools intended to teach the waifs various trade in addition to their general education.

A campaign to raise 1,500,000 yen so that three women's colleges in Tokyo can be elevated to the same rank as men's universities has been undertaken by the three colleges concerned, the Nippon Women's College, the Tokyo Women's College and the Japan Jyogakko, the latter of which is still a high school. In order to be given this rank, each school must have 500,000 yen as a security fund and must expand the present four-year course to a three-year preparatory course and a three-year university course.

At a recent meeting of the consultative committee of women's organizations, attention was drawn to the fact that Britain still permitted the export of live horses for butchery, and that much unnecessary suffering was caused to these animals through bad travelling arrangements, hunger and thirst, and the cruel methods of killing employed in France and Belgium. It was urged that only the carcasses should be allowed to leave the country, and a resolution, signed by 16 societies, was passed calling on the Government to introduce legislation to prevent the export of these horses while they were still alive.

Moving sidewalks will be established on the Paris boulevards and a few other congested thoroughfares in an effort to meet the transportation problem. If experiments conducted by the inventions office show the expected result.

Eggs are being used as currency in the Kara Kalk district of Armenia, where the American Near East Relief is operating. Twelve eggs are accepted on their "face value" as equivalent to one ruble, or 50 cents in American currency.

With a population of 6,000,000, New York uses more electricity than 12 European countries combined with an aggregate population of 109,000,000. This is revealed at the Electrical Show in the Grand Central Palace through a graphic chart prepared by the New York Edison Company from data supplied to the Electrical World by the embassies of the European countries involved.

Evening classes have made considerable progress in France. During the past season 1131 free evening classes for adults were held in and about Paris. The number of persons who put down their names as pupils was 35,358, of whom 9415 were women. The regular attendance was about 24,155. It is remarked, however, that this number lessens considerably toward the end of the season.

The following is from a "Daily News" interview with Mr. J. H. Hux, the founder of the National Brass Band Festival:

"How is it you are always pulling off so many prizes in band contests and in cricket matches?" one North Country bandman asked another. "It's like this," replied the other. "In our village, as soon as our boys can speak they are asked 'Is it bands or cricket?' and if they don't say one or the other we just wring their necks!"

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. A. C. S. Morton, who has been on a brief visit to Hongkong returned to Manila by the "President McKinley" on Tuesday.

The marriage of Mr. Shui-pun Preston Wong and Miss Phyllis Grace Chan, is to take place on Monday, December 28 at St. John's Cathedral.

Mr. G. W. Keeton, of the University of Hongkong, has a particularly interesting essay in the November issue of the XIXth Century And After on "The Chinese Student at Work."

Captain Roald Amundsen, Arctic explorer, announced the personnel of the advisory committee for the 1926 Amundsen-Ellsworth flight by dirigible to the frozen north. The flight now is planned to begin in April. Bernon S. Prentice is chairman of the advisory committee. The other members are Marshall Field, G. Roald Harriman, Charles Heyden, Grayson M. P. Murphy, James H. Perkins, Robert K. Cassatt and Bayard Dominick.

The first "£3,000 a year" woman in British official life is Miss Emily Russell-Smith. She has won the distinction of being the first woman to pass a Civil Service examination for one of the higher governmental posts. Her name appears ninth on a long list of successful applicants, the great majority of whom were men. Under the new rules, women who pass the necessary examinations are now eligible for eventual appointment as permanent under-secretaries or positions of equal rank paying from £3,000 to £3,500 a year.

Whether it is better to have fifty bosses in one year, or one boss in fifty years, might well be answered by Sir William Soulsby from his experience of having enjoyed fifty bosses in as many years. For he has been secretary to half a hundred Lord Mayors of London and has just launched upon his second half-century of service in this line. When recalling the other day he vouchsafed the interesting bit of information that when he first assumed his position everybody used quill pens and every letter point to the first half of the fifteenth century. This seal also lies in Florence in the Bargello Museum.

G. Brile D'Annunzio has given the original manuscript of his book "Alicione" to the Ambrosian Library in testimony of his appreciation of its important work as a fount of Italian culture.

Mr. Henry Edmond Standage, manager of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Company in Yokohama, has been appointed Consul for Norway, according to an announcement by the Norwegian Legation at Tokyo.

The many friends of Mr. H. E. Stearns, who left Kobe by the P. and O. Manua on furiong will regret to hear that he was landed at Colombo seriously ill. Advice was received by Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie and Co.

Deputy Eugenio Casagrande and Major Ranucci of the Italian Air Force will shortly attempt to fly from Rome to Buenos Aires in a gigantic airplane specially constructed for this transatlantic flight. It is also believed that Gabriele D'Annunzio, who is now an honorary general of the air force, will take part in the expedition, although nothing definite can be said for the moment. The airplane has made its first trial flight with great success. The machine, which is sixteen meters in length, is fitted with two cabins which each hold four persons comfortably. The carrying capacity, including passengers, pilots and mechanics, is fifteen all told. The airplane can fly about 2,200 miles without the necessity of landing for supplies.

Astonishment "that theologians do not better realize the logical and philosophical strength of their own position" was expressed by Dr. Francis Graham Crookshank, a former house physician of University College, in his remarks on spiritual healing before a large gathering of doctors and the clergy at a Hunterian Society meeting. No one was justified, said Dr. Crookshank, in declaring that if faith healing cures did occur, only functional cases were cured, unless he was prepared to define the distinction between physical and psychical methods. Of all the absurd bogies, he declared, none was more ridiculous than the alleged antithesis between functional and organic disease. The speaker said he could assert confidently that there was no known reason why the cure of organic disease, however defined, should not react to the exercise of faith prayer.

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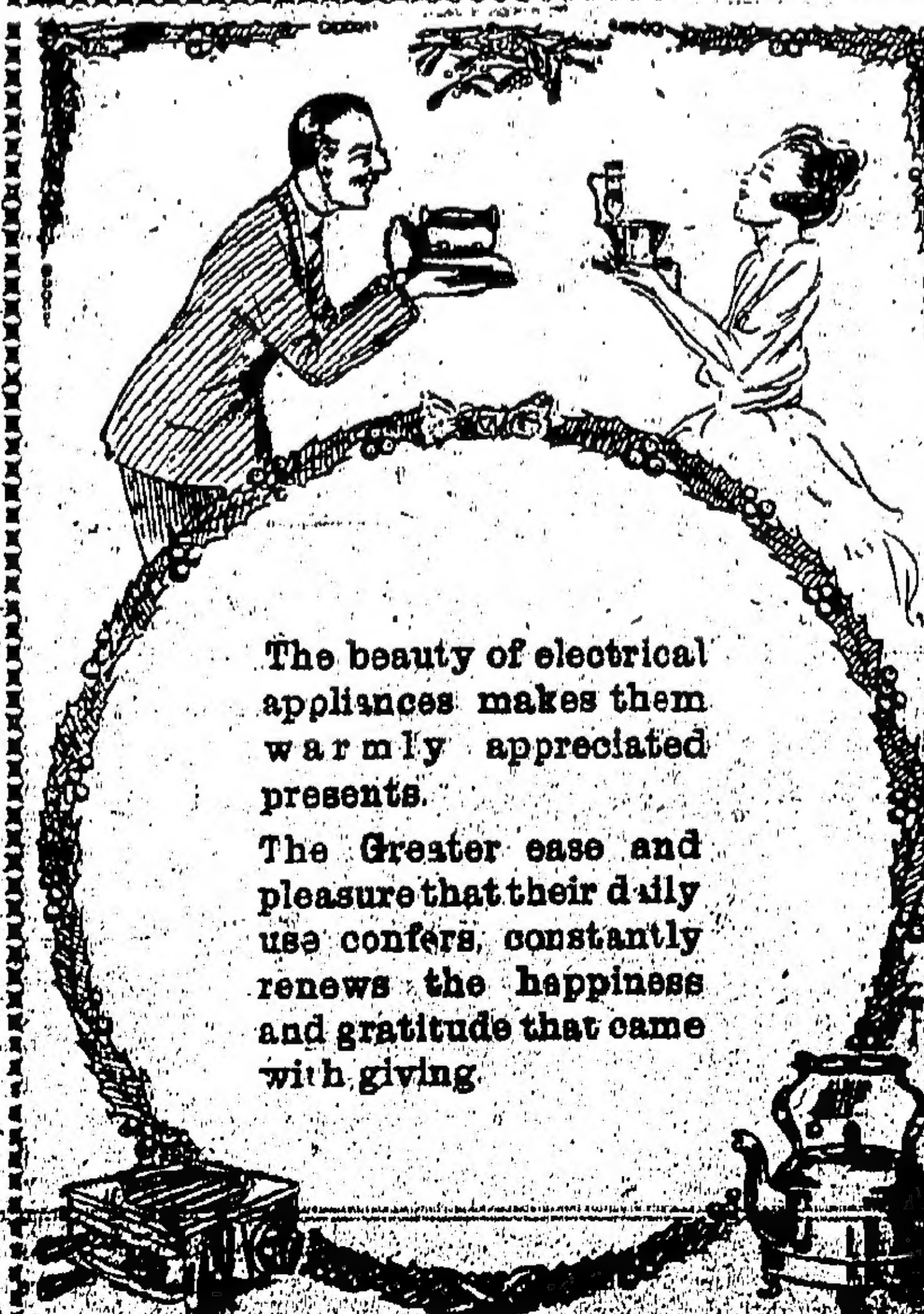
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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE**RUGGERITES NOTE.****FRENCH SHIP TO PLAY ON SATURDAY.****TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT.**

There will be a rugby match on the H.K.C.C. ground, Happy Valley, kick-off at 2.30 p.m. sharp this Saturday, when the French warship XV will meet a combined Club and Navy team.

Each season the important local matches are those in the triangular tournament between the Navy, Army and Club.

Matches so far fixed are:— Club v. Navy on January 9 and January 23.

Earlier games are no criterion as to the real form as full sides have not turned out for either the senior service or the civilians. It is understood that everybody concerned is in strict training so that some excellent rugger ought to be seen.

Last season the Army scratched and dates for them have yet to be arranged.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS.**1ST LEAGUE, 2ND XI AND OUTCASTS.**

The following teams have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Cricket Club this Saturday, all fixtures starting at 2 p.m.:—

1st XI v. Navy (league) at home:— R. Hancock (Capt.), A. C. L. Bowker, A. W. Hayward, H. Owen Hughes, J. D. Humphreys, E. G. Lammert, E. J. R. Mitchell, E. F. Pearce, L. P. Ralph, E. F. Stewart, F. N. Young.

2nd XI v. C.R.C. (friendly) away:— A. K. Mackenzie (Capt.), C. L. R. Becker, H. C. Burkes, W. T. Featherstone, A. G. Gordon, H. W. Lee, D. H. McMaster, D. E. G. Nicholson, D. B. Peat, N. L. Smith, H. J. Stevenson. "Outcasts" v. Civil Service at Happy Valley:— L. D. McNicol (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, Capt. Bensley, Capt. Hign, J. Hall, G. P. Lammert, H. W. Parker, J. A. E. Plummer, G. R. Vallack, E. M. Watson.

LEAGUE POINTS.**ARTILLERY v. POLICE, SOCCER.**

Weak shooting by the forwards offset any advantage the Police defence had yesterday in a first league football match with the R.A. who won on the Kowloon ground by the only goal scored.

R.A.:— Stanton; Trim, Exell; Rachell, Reade, Viccars; Grew, Sargent, Pulford, Miles, Murphy. Police:— A. E. Clarke; Wynne, Harle; Johnson, Oram, Randall; Cornwall, Post, Brittain, Noonan, Simpson.

Referee: Mr. Smyth. Winning the toss, the gunners had the wind behind them in the first half and kept up pressure, Pulford netting after 25 minutes. In the second session he also found the mark but the whistle had gone for off-side.

RIFLE LEAGUE.**FLAGSHIP WINS TWO MATCHES.**

H.M.S. "Hawkins" has won two matches in the Hongkong Rifle League, both on the Stonecutters range, as follows:—

December 5:—"Hawkins" 634 points, beat H.M.S. "Titania" 596 points.

December 12:—"Hawkins" 668 points, beat H.M.S. "Iroquois" 558 points.

GOLF CLUB.

At Tuesday's annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, the following were elected to serve on the Committee: Messrs. G. S. Archbutt, D. G. Bruce, J. W. Franks, A. K. Henderson, C. Bulmer Johnson, C. D. Lambert, R. L. Moncrieff, T. D. E. Pendered and J. M. Walker.

New York, Dec. 16.—The Canadian hockey team of Montreal won the Prince of Wales trophy by defeating the New York Americans by 3 goals to 1 at Madison Square Gardens.

Fifteen thousand spectators listened to selections played by the Canadian Governor-General's Footguards. *Reuter's American Service.*

HOCKEY MATCH.**CLUB 1ST XI DEFEAT FLAGSHIP.****CURIOUS GOAL AWARD.**

To a spectator at least, it seemed that a goal was awarded to the Hongkong Hockey Club by a referee in yesterday's match with H.M.S. "Hawkins" when the ball was thrown into the net from touch without being played in the circle, by one of the attacking side.

However, the Club 1st XI beat H.M.S. "Hawkins" by 4 goals to 3 and deserved to win. Dyer Ball, the famous Club forward of earlier years, had the exasperation of seeing about half a dozen lovely shots skim the uprights. On the whole the Club did most of the pressing and were superior.

Shortly after the start (with the Club XI short of a few men as is usual) the flagship became one up. Woodward put the Club on terms. Then Martin threw in from touch and it looked as if the ball did strike some of the players (or their sticks) outside the Navy circle, but not inside. The "Hawkins" goalie did not seem to attempt to stop the pill, which rolled on, and a goal was given. One or two had a wild whack but none of the Club forwards was near enough.

Price and Evans also scored for the Club who held the advantage to the end.

The Club 1st XI was:— Parquharson, C. L. R. Becker; A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), Rev. E. W. L. Martin; H. Owen Hughes, A. Dyer Ball, W. Woodward, B. D. Evans and T. J. Price.

THE NOBLE ART.**PROGRAMME FOR NEXT TOURNEY.****TENTATIVE DETAILS.**

Four 5-round preliminaries and a 10-round "second-liner" have been arranged tentatively for the H.K.B.A.'s third tournament of the season, starting 9.15 p.m. on December 23, the feature of which will be the eagerly expected meeting between Cardilge and Morris.

However, permission is awaited in the case of two of the boxers, as stated in this page on Tuesday.

The programme is:— 15 rounds, catchweight, C.P.O. "Jim" Cardilge (H.M.'s Naval Yard) v. Stoker Morris (Hermes).

10 rounds, featherweight, Stoker Naegelein (Jules Mitchell) v. Drummer Bowles (1/E, Surrey).

6 rounds, lightweight, A.B. Baker (Hermes) v. Bandsman Wareham (1/E, Surrey).

6 rounds, middleweight, A.B. Pearce (Hawkins) v. A.B. Miller (Hermes).

6 rounds, featherweight, H. Major (Hongkong) v. A.B. Gardner (Hermes).

6 rounds, welterweight, A.B. Jackson (Hawkins) v. Stoker Morrell (Hawkins).

Should Naegelein not appear it is likely that Major will be put in his place for the 10-round bout with Bowles.

If Wareham is not available then Edg. Tel. Emmerson of the Margazon (who has issued a challenge for a 10-round contest) may be substituted and he will therefore fight a return with Baker.

NOT AT WAR.**ATHLETES TO RESUME RELATIONS.****CONTINENTAL DATES MIXED.****(Reuter's Service.)**

Lausanne, Dec. 16. A conference of delegates of the French and the German Athletic Associations has decided that France and Germany immediately resume pre-war relations in the domain of athletics. The first meeting of French, German and Swiss athletes will be held in Switzerland next August; a second between French and German athletes in the same month at Paris.

"French athletes are going" to Germany in 1928.

The American Rowing Association has invited the German Rowing Association to take part in the international regatta at Philadelphia.

HOME F.A. CUP.**DRAW FOR SCOTTISH 1ST ROUND.****HOLDERS TO PLAY AWAY.****(Reuter's Service.)**

London, Dec. 16. In the Scottish F.A. Cup, the draw for the first round (proper) to be played on January 23 is:—

Nairn County v. St. Johnstone. Peebles Rovers v. Keith. Royal Albert v. Allow.

Arbroath v. Berwick Rangers. Cowdenbeath v. Hamilton Academicals.

Kilmarnock v. Celtic. Boness v. East Fife. Clyde v. Dunfermline.

Hibernians v. Broxburn. Bathgate v. East Stirling. Queen's Park v. Clydebank.

Dumbarton v. Bucks. Third Lanark v. Moor Park. Solway Star v. Johnstone.

Partick Thistle v. Motherwell. Aberdeen v. St. Bernard's. Dundee v. Inverness Caledonia.

Albion v. Nithsdale. Civil Service v. Leith. Rangers v. Lochgelly.

Dundee United v. Hearts. King's Park v. Peterhead. Montrose v. Clackmannandale.

Douglas Wanderers v. Forfar. Brechin v. Thornhill. Raith v. Ayr.

Price and Evans also scored for the Club who held the advantage to the end.

The Club 1st XI was:— Parquharson, C. L. R. Becker; A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), Rev. E. W. L. Martin; H. Owen Hughes, A. Dyer Ball, W. Woodward, B. D. Evans and T. J. Price.

The English Cup. Replaying in the second round (proper) of the English F.A. Cup, Wigan beat Crewe by 2 goals to 1.

[Note:—The winners are at home to Stoke for round 3 on January 9.]

League Results. League matches played to-day (home team given first) resulted:—

Division I. Rury's Burnley 1. Div. III (North). Bradford 1, New Brighton 0.

Tables in the respective divisions to date stand at:—

ENGLISH LEAGUE. Division I. Teams P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Arsenal.....20 12 4 4 31 28. Sunderland.....21 11 4 6 30 37 26.

Aston Villa.....10 8 7 4 35 32 23. Huddersfield.....18 8 7 4 35 32 23.

Manchester United.....9 4 6 33 24 22. Bolton Wanderers.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22.

Cottontown.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22. W. Bromwich.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22.

Sheffield Utd.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22. Birmingham.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22.

Newcastle Utd.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22. Liverpool.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22.

Wolves.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22. York City.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22.

Derby County.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22. Charlton Athletic.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22.

Sheff. Wednesday.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22. Notts County.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22.

Southend.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22. Bury.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22.

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Bradford.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22. Rochdale.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22.

Gillingham.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22. Nelsion.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22.

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Chesham.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22. Doncaster.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22.

Rotherham.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22. Ashington.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22.

Lincoln.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22. Wrexham.....10 9 4 7 41 33 22.

HOME RUGGER.**JACK FROST PREVENTS PLAY.****RESULTS AHEAD OF MAIL.****(Times of Ceylon.)**

London, Nov. 28. The results of the principal rugby matches played to-day were:—

Devonport Services 22, St. Bart's Hospital 9. Cardiff 9, Leicester 8. North O. Aberavon 8.

Cross Keys 6, Pontypool 0. Newport 21, Swansea 3.

The following matches were scratched due to frost:—Blackheath v. Harlequins, Portsmouth Services v. Cambridge University, Gny's Hospital v. Royal Naval College (Greenwich), Oxford University v. London Scottish.

London Welsh v. Old Merchant Taylors, Richmond v. Old Alleynians, Rosslyn Park v. Chatham Services, Edinburgh Academicals v. Edinburgh Institute, Stewartians v. Edinburgh University, Aberlilly v. Llanelli, Royal High School v. Edinburgh Wanderers, and Watsonians v. Glasgow University.

London, Dec. 1. At rugby Oxford University lost to Swansea by 11 points to 12.

London, Dec. 2. In the Rugby County Championship Hampshire beat Middlesex by 10 points to 8 at Portsmouth.

TEST YARNS.**"WHY ENGLAND LOST AT CRICKET."****OFFICIAL DENIALS.****(Times of Ceylon.)**

London, Nov. 23. An accusation, alleged to have been made by the Vice-President of the Football Association, Mr. John Lewis, in a recent speech, that the English cricketers in Australia would have done better had they been test-tubers, met with emphatic denials from all quarters.

Mr. Lewis, who is known in the North as "Honest John," is a lifelong abstainer, and was manager of the soccer touring team who followed in the wake of the M.C.C. team in Australia.

Interviewed by the "Evening Standard" he denies the above report, and says that what he did say was that they might have done better, which, opinion, he said, was based in information obtained while in Australia.

GILLIGAN—"SUCH NONSENSE." Mr. A. E. R. Gilligan (captain of the M.C.C. team) comments: "Such nonsense makes me angry. It is an insult to me, to the whole team, and to the manager, Mr. Toone, as well. Neither he nor I ever had occasion to take any steps."

Mr. J. W. H. T. Douglas said it was a wicked shame that this had been said. A steadier lot it would be difficult to imagine.

Mr. P. G. H. Fender said: "There is nothing in the suggestion. Anyone can say this sort of thing if he chooses."

Hearne (J. W.) said there was no intemperance. Such a suggestion was absurd.

Sydney, Nov. 24. Referring to the "Lewis story" regarding the M.C.C. H. L. Collins, (the Australian cricket captain and selector) says the remarks are unjust and uncalled for. The Englishmen were a most temperate team.

The manager at Sydney, Mr. S. Smith (manager of the 1921 tour in England), declares that the allegations are absurd. The losses by the last English Test team were not due to drink. The team was one of the finest that ever visited Australia.

"PLUM" SPEAKS. MUST WIN NEXT YEAR'S TESTS.

ENGLAND LOOKS TO HOBBS. (Times of Ceylon.)

London, Nov. 24. Speaking at a dinner at the Guildhall, Cambridge, yesterday evening, in recognition of the achievements of Jack Hobbs, Mr. P. F. Warner hoped the Motherland would reassert her supremacy in cricket. He said that would depend greatly on Hobbs, and he prayed he might retain his matchless skill for at least one more year.

"You have absolutely got to beat the Australians or there will be a slump in English cricket. We have got the material. It only remains for the Selection Committee to make the most of that material."

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DOUBTFUL CASES. Many other cases of great longevity have been reported, but on very doubtful evidence. Louisa Truxo, an English woman who died in 1780, has been sometimes said to have lived to 176.

Henry Francisco, a Frenchman, living in America, was believed to have been 185 when he died in 1819. He claimed that, as a boy of sixteen, he witnessed the coronation of Queen Anne, his father being a Huguenot who fled to England during the persecution of that sect.

There are certain reasons for doubting the accounts of people of advanced age. In the first place, the love of the marvellous innate in human nature gives us cause to suspect exaggeration. On the other hand, notable scientific writers, wishing to obtain evidence to support various theories, have professed to believe in extraordinary cases of longevity.

Mistakes have been made in figures. Many authorities say that the stories told of the Countess of Desmond, for instance, really relate to two or three ladies of the title. And in the case of a woman Carr, of Shore-ditch, supposed to have lived to actually 207, it was found that actually 207 was found, that "2" had been cut over "1" on her tombstone!

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.**OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.**

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 17, 1925, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Shareholders' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers' Society.
T.T. on London	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	76 3/4	76 3/4	76 3/4
Banks			
Hongkong Bank	107 1/2	\$1070 a.	\$1065 a.
Chartered Bank, London	212 1/2	n.	\$123 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & E. C.	220 1/2	n.	\$202 n.
P. & O. Bank	213 1/2	n.	\$212 n.
Bank of East Asia	202 1/2	n.	\$202 n.
Marine Insurance	\$85	n.	\$80 n.
Canton Insurance	600	n.	\$600 b.
China Underwriters	2 1/4	n.	\$2 1/4 b.
North China Insurance	T 140	n.	T 140 n.
Union Insurance	252	b.	\$252 b. & s.
Yangtze Insurance	35	b.	36 b.
Fire Insurance			
China Fire Insurance	160	n.	\$200 n.
H.K. Fire Insurance	600	n.	590 n.
Shipping			
Douglases	35	s.	32 b.
Hongkong Steamboats	23 1/2	n.	22 1/2 a.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	4 1/2	n.	4 n.
Indo-China (Freight)	38	n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd.	65 1/2	n.	65 n.
do. (H.K.)	65 1/2	n.	65 n.
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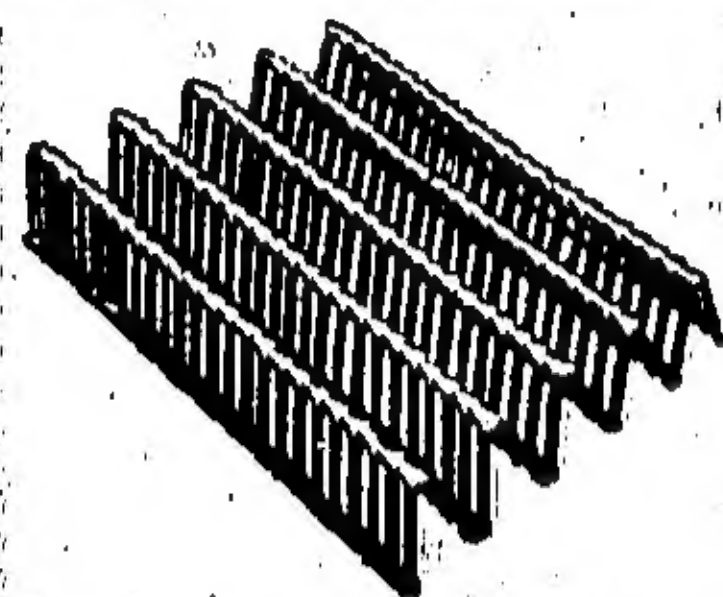
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People and Events in the News of the World



DU PAOLO, THE ITALIAN RACING CHAMPION.

Du Paolo, the Italian racing champion, in the presence of 75,000 fans, won the 250-mile race, with a pair of his baby's sheep tied securely to the front axle of the machine as his mascot.



LADY ELIZABETH HARRIS

Lady Elizabeth Harris, daughter of the Earl and Countess of Malmesbury, is to be the bride of Lord Cottesloe's son, John Freemantle, noted cricketer.



MARJORIE CONANT

These terriers, owned by Marjorie Conant, were all accorded prizes at the Terrier Dog Show.



PEGGY THAYER

Peggy Thayer, of Philadelphia, athlete and big game hunter, recent bride of Harold E. Talbot, of New York, lost jewellery valued at \$20,000 while riding in a taxicab in Manhattan.



STUYVESANT PEABODY and SENATOR MOSES

Stuyvesant Peabody, at thirty-seven, is hailed as a captain of industry. He is known as one of the biggest coal operators in the world. Hard work and stenography, he said, placed him in the front rank. Senator Moses is president-pro-tem of the U.S. Senate. Ahmad Kajar, Shah of Persia, is not bothered by the loss of his throne. He continues to live a life of gaiety in France, where he has ample funds. Ethel Thompson, nurse, is home after serving with the French Army in the War, and later with the Serbian and Near East Relief.



COMMENDATORE DINO BUTI and COUNT GIUSEPPE VOLPI

Commendatore Dino Buti and Count Giuseppe Volpi, leader of the Italian Debt Mission, with Countess Volpi, arrived at Washington, certain that negotiations on the Italian debt to the U.S. would be concluded satisfactorily. At New York the party, to avoid an anti-Fascist demonstration at the pier, left their liner on a cutter.



MAX LINDER

Max Linder, once called the Charlie Chaplin of French films, ended his life with his wife. They took a sleeping powder and then opened the veins in their wrists. Mrs. Linder died quickly, but Linder lingered several hours in a Paris hospital.

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